

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 3547.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.
THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,485,000

BANKERS :
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS :—
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 "4 "
" 3 "3 "

JOHN THURNBURG,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
Authorized Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £300,000

HEAD OFFICE : HONGKONG.
Court of Directors :—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
H. Stoltzfoth, Esq. Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS :—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland, Parry Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
" 6 "4 "
" 3 "3 "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS " 2 "

Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [8]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED UP £2,250,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS :—
Wm. Kewick, Esq.—Chairman.
Adolf von Andra, Esq. F. D. Sisson, Esq.
Egbert Iveson, Esq. H. D. Stewart, Esq.
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE :
The Hon. J. J. Kewick, The Hon. C. P. Chater.
H. Hopwood, Esq.

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RATES OF INTEREST, ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [88]

Notices of Firms.
HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

M R. HART BUCK has been appointed SECRETARY of the above-named Company.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, Governing Directors.
Hongkong, 7th September, 1893. [997]

NOTICE.

M R. HART BUCK is Authorized to sign our FIRMS for procreation.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.
Hongkong, 7th September, 1893. [998]

NOTICE.

MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

M R. CHAU TSEUNG FAT has been appointed SECRETARY to the above Company, *viz.* Mr. WOO LIN YUEN, deceased.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
川 恒 明 (KWAN HOI CHUEN), Managing Director.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1893. [978]

NOTICE.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "SODRINS," Hongkong.
(A.B.C. Code 4th Edition.)

AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS & GENERAL MERCHANTS.

No. 17, PRAYA CENTRAL, Under Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co.'s Offices.

M R. A. E. SKEELS & Co. undertake Sales Privately, or by Auction, of any class of Goods or Property. Prompt Settlements Guaranteed. Immediate Cash Advances on Goods for Auction.

Cargoes received for Storage, Insurances effected.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1893. [170]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO., SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HARTMANN'S RAHTJEN'S GENUINE COMPOSITION. HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT. DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES, &c., &c.

EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1893. [170]

Insurances.
THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned :—
(a) It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
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(d) The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents,

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES on all parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000

EQUAL TO £80,000.00

RESERVE FUND £31,333.33

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEX SING, Esq. LO YEK MOON, Esq.

MANGER—HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES on all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [974]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUMMER CHARGE.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER,

£75 PER MONTH

for BOARD AND LODGING in ROOMS facing Pedder Street or to the Eastward.

FURNISHED ROOMS without Board £45 Per Month.

Apply to Manager and/or Secretary.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1893. [587]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,

(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

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AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast £0.50

£0.75

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SPECIAL TIFFINS and DINNERS served in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS, Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [528]

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COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UN-

FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and Table Accommodation.

Apply to

Mrs. MATHER,

2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [36]

CAPTAIN CH. ROBINSON,

COAL CONTRACTOR.

COMPRADORE and STEVEDORE.

SHIPS VISITING MANILA SUPPLIED

WITH PROVISIONS, DUNNAGE, &c.

WATER and BALLAST BOATS.

Manila, 15th March, 1893. [333]

Intimations.

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

JUST LANDED

CIGARETTES,

in Splendid Condition, of the following Well Known and very Popular Brands :

SWEET CAPORAL

KINNEY'S STRAIGHT CUT.

FULL DRESS STRAIGHT CUT.

OTTO DE ROSE.

YELLOW PLUSH.

OGDEN'S BIRD'S EYE.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1893. [7]

W. POWELL & CO.

NOW OPENING

LARGE SHIPMENTS OF

NEW GOODS.

PERSONALLY SELECTED BY OUR

MR. & MRS. JOHN POWELL.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 9th September, 1893. [16]

SHOOTING SEASON 1893!

FOWLING PIECES IN CASES WITH IMPLEMENTS.

MARTINI-HENRY MATCH RIFLES, WINCHESTER CARBINES, COLTS'

"LIGHTNING" CARBINES, REVOLVERS.

ELEY'S CARTRIDGE CASES :—

METAL-COVERED, GREEN, BLUE AND BROWN.

CARTRIDGES LOADED with (E.C.) or "ALLIANCE" GUNPOWDER.

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WADS, CAPS, LOADING MACHINES, RE-CAPPERS, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND BAGS

GUN CLEANERS, &c., &c.

LAWCRAFT & CO.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1893. [1071]

THE PHARMACY,

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1893.

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

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Orders from one person, of from \$5.00 to \$10.00, allowed 25 per cent. discount; over \$10.00 an extra 5 per cent.

CLAY'S FERTILISER.

A high class Fertiliser for Pot Plants and for use in the Garden generally; it supplies natural nourishment to the soil and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour, and beauty.

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" " 28 "\$4.00

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LAWN MOWERS.

The best and cheapest machines in the market. Kept in stock and supplied at Manufacturer's prices.

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This work is alike interesting to the student of botany and to the practical gardener, and comprises a large number of plants which, for the convenience of reference, are arranged in separate groups and are headed with their ordinary and botanical names.

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or to
THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH OFFICE,
Padde's Hill,
Hongkong, 30th January, 1893.

BIRTHS.

At No. 8, Padde's Hill, at 1:30 a.m. on the morning of the 12th, the wife of E. I. ORADAYA, of a daughter.

At No. 4 Yau-tze-poo Road, Shanghai, on the 5th inst., the wife of ROBERT LAW, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

At Ichang, on the 30th August, Dr. WM. PRATE, Church of Scotland Mission. Deeply regretted.

At Shanghai, on the 5th September, the infant daughter of Edward and Marion STEVENS, aged seven days.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1893.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A BIG fire occurred at Na-tai, near Foochow, on the 2nd inst., destroying several hundred houses. A number of lives were lost.

H.M.S. *Redpole* relieved the *Kak* at Hankow on the 5th inst., the latter vessel proceeding to Ichang, where it is expected she will pass the winter.

ADVICE received in Shanghai from Hankow states that the Chinese there are dying in hundreds from fever and ague, the mortality being particularly high outside the East Gate.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 p.m. or 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Shanghai native paper *Hsi-hao* advocates that all American citizens be expelled from China and all American goods be 'boycotted' throughout the Empire, as a retaliation for the Getty Act.

THE statement published by a Japanese native paper to the effect that the Messengers Maritime Co. had concluded a contract for coal with the Hokkaido Batian Gunji, has been contradicted.

OUR Shanghai contemporary the *Mercury* states that during the late heavy rains and floods at Peking 515 chang of the walls were washed away, and it is estimated that it will cost at least Tls. 405,000 to repair the damage.

It is reported from Ningpo that the town was recently flooded by the sea on the morning of the 3rd inst., the high tide being caused by the fierce gale, experienced there on the preceding day. The water was knee-deep in several of the streets.

At the German Consulate-General, Shanghai, on the 5th inst., Franz Hermann Gaschitz, a native of Saxony, convicted of forging documents and signatures by which he secured nearly \$500, was sentenced to three years imprisonment with hard-labour. He will serve his time in Germany.

THE Japanese Minister of Finance is reported to be in favour of establishing a gold standard in the country and to be preparing a scheme for submission to the Cabinet. The Tokyo papers seem to take it for granted that, even if the report is true, there is no chance whatever of the proposal finding favour with the Government.

THE Sydney Morning Herald's Thursday Island correspondent wired the other day, as an important extract from Hongkong papers, that "the directors of the Agric Bank, Limited, have decided on withdrawing from business at Hongkong." A goodly number of eventful years have come and gone since the Agric Bank was associated in business with this colony.

THE band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Overture "Pretender" Koko.
Song "The Soul's Awakening" Waldeck.
Suite "Prayer" Meyerbeer.
" " " " Acknowledgment" Waldeck.
" " " " Nadir" Chassaigne.
" " " " La Muette" Southwest.

MONSIEUR JEANRENAUD, superintendent of police at Tientsin, narrowly escaped assassination on August 20th. Whilst walking outside the Settlement, a man suddenly rushed at him with a knife and inflicted a serious wound in the abdomen. Although faint with loss of blood, Jeanrenaud succeeded in getting home, and is now slowly recovering towards recovery. The would-be murderer escaped.

FREEDOM of the press, like Japanese law, is still unknown and unreliable quantity in Dai Nippon. The "Japs" are busy in want of a new Libel Act, based on the principles recognised by Great Britain and the United States. The other day the Osaka Court of Appeal affirmed the conviction of the editor of the Kyoto *Minchi* for insulting ("adversely criticising") Ministers of State, and sentenced him to three months' major imprisonment and to pay a fine of ten yen.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH OFFICE,
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Hongkong, 30th January, 1893.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present:-H. E. the Governor, Sir W. Robinson; Mr. G. M. O'Brien (Colonial Secretary); Mr. W. A. Cooper (Director of Public Works); Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Jones (Colonial Treasurer); Capt. R. M. Rumsey (Harbour Master); Messrs. C. F. Chater, T. H. Whitehead, J. J. Kewick, F. R. Bellairs, and Ho Kai, unofficial members.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table a mass of correspondence on the Treasury frauds, and papers relating to the morphine question.

MORPHINE.

Mr. Whitehead.—I beg to move, pursuant to notice, that the Government lay on the table copies of any reports received from the Senate

Board, the Medical Registrar General's, or any other Department, and the Capt. Superintendent of Police, on the subject of the consumption of morphine and the practice of administering or injecting preparations of morphine by unqualified persons, as well as a copy of any petition or memorial received from the Opium Farmer, the correspondence which has recently passed

would be harsh to require Mr. Mitchell-Jones to make good to the Colonial Government the full amount of the defalcation which occurred during his control of the Treasury. I must mark my sense of his shortcomings by directing that, as a condition of his remaining in the public service, he be required to pay into the Colonial Treasury a fine of \$1,000 which may, if he prefers it, be paid in such instalments as you may think reasonable. It will also be your duty to convey to him a severe censure from me on his shortcomings in the conduct of his department and his neglect to comply with the requirements of the Auditor.

6. Further, as he has not justified his selection for the headship of a department in Hongkong, it will be necessary for me to arrange, if possible, for his transfer to another Colony. But such transfer will not mean a promotion, but I trust that elsewhere and in the discharge of different duties he will gain the confidence of the Government under which he serves, and thus possibly build up a claim to promotion hereafter.

7. Mr. Wedderburn and Mr. May must also be consulted, but less severely, for their respective shares in the responsibility for what happened. I am glad, however, to add that I regard the blame which attaches to Mr. May as comparatively slight, and I recognise that he showed zeal and capacity in other respects during his short tenure of the office of Treasurer.

8. As regards Mr. Nicoll's share in the matter, I shall not anticipate the judgment of the Comptroller and Auditor General. It must, however, be recognised that his position was a difficult one, and that as a new comer to the Colony, called upon to introduce and carry out a system to which there was strong local hostility, it was intelligible that he should have shrunk from what might seem to others a needlessly rigid interpretation of his duties; and, after all, it was to him that the discovery of the fraud was ultimately due.

9. I presume that Alves' security bond has been enforced so as to recover a portion of the amount embezzled by him, and I take the opportunity of asking whether this course was adopted in the Barradas case, in accordance with paragraph 11 of my predecessor's despatch No. 104 of the 13th of September, 1890.

10. I have observed with some surprise the confusion of mind exhibited by Mr. Mitchell-Jones and others as to the relative responsibilities of accounting and auditing officers.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Morphine Bill, which he explained had been reconstructed so that the European chemists and druggists had no longer any objection to it.

Mr. Chater seconded the motion.

Mr. Chater said that in view of the explanations given by the Attorney-General he had pleasure in supporting the motion.

Mr. Whitehead cordially endorsed the remarks of the Senior Unofficial Member.

The second reading was then carried unanimously.

Council went into Committee on the Bill.

At 4:30 p.m. the further discussion was adjourned until Monday, September 18th.

THE TREASURY FRAUDS.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DECISION.

Downing Street, July 26th, 1893.

SIR,—I have given very careful consideration to your Confidential despatch of the 26th of April last reporting upon the serious defalcations which have occurred in the Hongkong Treasury, and enclosing copies of the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the matter, and of correspondence with Public Officers arising out of that Report.

2. It appears from these papers that Alves, the late First Clerk in the Treasury, embezzled, in the course of the five years, 1888 to 1892, nearly \$65,000 of public money, and the circumstances which enabled him to do this are very clearly explained by the Commissioners to whom the Colonial Government is indebted for a very careful and clear Report. I concur in their conclusions as to the persons who, by neglect or omission of duty, allowed the frauds to be committed. Omitting the names of minor delinquents, the officers chiefly to blame were:-

(1) The late Mr. Lister, for authorising Alves to sign receipts for engaging a Sheriff who could not read English, and for failing to cause the Rent Roll to be made up at the proper time, although this omission was brought to his notice by an Audit clerk.

(2) Mr. May, who acted for a short time as Treasurer, for similar neglect, to which his attention was drawn by the Auditor, Mr. Nicoll.

(3) Mr. Mitchell-Jones, for not causing the Rent Rolls to be made up although his attention was similarly called to the matter by Mr. Nicoll; for failing to make himself acquainted with the manner in which public business was being conducted in his Department, and for misreading and not enforcing the Instructions laid down for the conduct of business in his Office.

(4) In conclusion I note that it would seem from the evidence taken by the Commissioners that Alves' dishonesty was traceable to building speculations on his part, and that these speculations were more or less a matter of notoriety. I trust that the rules which were enclosed in my despatch No. 262 of the 12th October last, are being rigidly carried out, for it cannot be too soon understood in the Government service that jobbing and speculation in real property will be assumed to be incompatible with honest and honourable discharge of public duties.

15. I am not aware that there is any particular reason why this despatch, and the despatch to which it is an answer, should be kept confidential but leave the matter to your discretion.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

R. W. ROBINSON,
Governor Sir W. Robinson, K.C

There are in the Colony, including Aberdeen, Shaukiwan and Yaumati, about eighteen places in which about one thousand persons receive injections twice a day. There are a few, who no longer use it, who claim to have been completely cured of their opium-smoking habit by it; but others have tried it and afterwards gone back to opium-smoking.

A coolie who would smoke 5 or 6 cents' worth of opium a day only pays 1 cent for each injection, so that he saves 3 or 4 cents a day and obtains an equal effect, while at the same time he is getting cured of the opium smoking.

The morphine used is purchased at the dispensaries as a powder at \$10 a lb., by one or two men, who dissolve it in water and sell the solution to the injectors. These inject the liquid under the skin, at the muscles of the arms, with small hypodermic syringes, which are also purchased at the dispensaries. The operator is seen on a patient with a big dose, which he decreases daily, or once in two days, for about a month, when the cure should be effected.

Few of those making the injections are even Chinese medical practitioners and none of them have had training under foreigners. The unresisted use of such a drug by reckless and unqualified practitioners must be a greater danger to the community and, like the unrestricted sale, seems to call for the imposition of some restriction as a safeguard. Whether Morphine in the shape of a powder comes under the Ordinance as a preparation of opium may be a question for the law officers to decide, or if the Opium Farmer wishes, he could take up a case as a test case.

W. STANTON,
W. QUINCEY,
Inspectors.

(MINUTE BY THE CAPTAIN, SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.)
To the Colonial Treasurer,
Report in accordance with your request.
19693.

F. H. M.

GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.
Hongkong, 14th July, 1893.

Sir,—In accordance with instructions contained in your minute of the 26th ultimo, I requested Dr. Atkinson to give me a report of the case of morphine injection by Chinese that came under his notice in the Government Civil Hospital and also requested Mr. Crow, Government Analyst, to ascertain, if possible, the preparation of morphine used and the strength of the solutions from the samples forwarded, and also to procure samples direct for himself, if possible, and get all the information he could generally as to the practice of morphine injection among the Chinese. These reports I now forward. Mr. Crow's report is a very complete one and leaves no doubt upon the subject.

The dose used as it appears quite commonly of gr. $\frac{1}{2}$ of morphine in solution is a very full one and very rarely used by a medical practitioner; to allay even very acute pain a $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ of a grain are the doses most commonly used. It will be seen by this that the dose used, among the Chinese is a very full one. This supposed cure for opium smoking is the introduction of an undoubtedly pernicious habit for one that, as I have proved, is a very doubtful one and easily cured with no evil effects to the patient by complete deprivation at once. To deprive these men of the habit at once of using morphine injections will cause much suffering, not only nervous exhaustion for want of the stimulant, but in the majority of cases it will result in an attack of profuse diarrhoea, which is difficult to control and will result in a sort of cholera scare.

Morphine injection is used ostensibly for the cure of opium smoking, but from the evidence given there is no attempt whatever to decrease the strength of the injections; but on the contrary, the number of doses taken appears to increase and the evidence points to this introduction of a habit well known to be an undoubtedly pernicious habit for one that is, to say the most of it, a very doubtfully pernicious one.

The profit side of the question is the only one likely to be looked upon by those who conduct the cure. It is shown to be from 200 to 400 per cent, and as long as they make such a profit there is little chance of their patients being cured.

I am of opinion that it is of little use striking at the sale of the drug or the instruments used as there are European Agencies for these in all the principal Chinese towns. The only way will be to strike at the shops in which it is practised, the same as gambling houses, and the punishments should be severe and refer only to the keepers.

At the same time provision will have to be made to meet the evils which will arise from this stoppage amongst those that have contracted the habit, which might be done by a notification by the Registrar General that medicines can be obtained from the European hospitals and dispensaries and also from Police Stations; the same as has been done in regard to cholera cases.

Your obedient Servant,
PH. B. C. AYRES,
Colonial Surgeon.

GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL,
Hongkong, 3rd July, 1893.

Sir,—I have the honour to report that on the 21st May last, I interviewed a street coolie who was sent to me by Mr. McCallum. His statement was as follows:—

"My name is Fu Akwan. I am 43 years old and live at No. 7, Tai Loi Lane, First Street. I am a street coolie. For the past twenty years I have been in the habit of smoking opium, the daily amount being three mace.

"A little over two months ago I was told that I could be cured of this habit by having some medicine inserted into my arm."

"Twice daily I had had this done at the Hung Leng Shop (crockery-ware shop), Morrison Street, for which I have paid one cent each injection. It is much cheaper than smoking opium, and I get the same satisfaction out of it."

"I know of ten Chinese doctors who each treat 50 to 100 men with this medicine."

The man had a number of marks on both arms evidently produced by punctured wounds.

His weight was 120 lbs.

I received from the Honourable Colonial Treasurer about this date a liquid in a small bottle which he informed me was the medicine used by these Chinese doctors for this purpose. I handed it over to the Government Analyst to analyse.

About the 20th ultimo I received a solid preparation from the same gentleman which I also handed over to Mr. Crow for purpose of analysis.

Your obedient servant,

J. M. ATKINSON,
Superintendent,
Dr. Ph. B. C. Ayres, C.M.G.,
Colonial Surgeon.

WRECK OF THE "FLORENCE TREAT" NEAR BREAKER POINT.

TWENTY LIVES LOST.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Capt. W. Davis, of the Douglas Co.'s steamer *Fokien*, which arrived in port from Swatow this morning, for particulars of the total wreck in Friday's typhoon of the British barque *Florence Treat*, of Sydney, N.S.W., with a loss of twenty lives. The *Florence Treat*, Capt. Poulsen, was a barque of 724 tons register, built at Brewster, U.S., in 1865, and was on a voyage from Singapore to Shanghai with a cargo of timber. It appears that the vessel had got as far north as the Lannocks when she was overtaken by the typhoon and driven back to Breaker Point, where she struck the Flat Rocks and went to pieces within a few minutes.

All on board were drowned, with the exception of a young son of the Captain's named Daniel, a Malay and a Chinese, who were swept ashore. Those who lost their lives were the Captain, his wife and four children, the mate, and ten Malay and three Chinese sailors.

The three survivors walked overland to Swatow, and on the way the poor little lad passed the body of his mother which had been washed ashore on the beach.

It was too dark when the *Fokien* passed

Breaker Point last night for anything to be seen, and as the barometer was low and the weather threatening in appearance it would have been unsafe for the steamer to have waited around.

It made the following statement:—

"On the 25th June, Mr. Hoo A Choo gave me \$1 to buy some medicine. I went to Tsing Lok Hin, 87, Queen's Road West, and saw the man who had given me injections on a former

THE "TAKSANG" IN A TYPHOON.

occasion. I asked him to let me have some of the medicine he uses. He filled the bottle (one fl. oz.) I had with me and charged 20 cents for it. I handed the bottle to Mak Kau."

Mak Kau informed me that he handed this bottle to Mr. Hoo A Choo personally.

Submitted to analysis this solution yielded 2 per cent of morphine—2 per cent of the hydrochlorate or muricate, the common commercial salt of this alkaloid.

The solid preparation handed to me by Dr. Atkinson a few days ago proved to be hydrochlorate of morphine.

It appeared to me desirable to have a sample of this powder. Accordingly accompanied by Mr. Chau Kam-tsun, one of my assistants, I went to No. 87, Queen's Road West, yesterday morning. I directed him to go upstairs and ask the man in charge if he would allow me to visit his establishment. No objection being offered, I entered and observed three men asleep on mats, and about 12 or 15 standing in the verandah. Some of the men I was informed, had just had injections; the others were waiting their turn. There were numerous puncture scars on their arms, I saw two operations performed. In one case about 15 minutes, and in the other about 20 minutes were injected. The operator informed me that there was a limit as the number of milims to be injected and that the quantity used depended on the amount of opium his patients had been in the habit of smoking. The syringe used was a good instrument of American manufacture. The operation was performed in the usual way and after each injection the needle was wiped with a dirty rag. The operator said he prepared the solution himself from a powder purchased at a European Pharmacy and showed me an empty bottle labelled "Muriate of Morphine, Poison."

It may here mention that this practice is a profitable undertaking. I understand the Chinese can buy hydrochlorate of morphine locally at \$2.50 per ounce (437.5 grains). From this quantity 875 injections, each containing half a grain of morphine hydrochlorate, could be prepared. This would leave a profit of \$6.25 on each ounce of morphine at a charge of 1 cent for each injection. If 1/2 of a grain were used at each injection the profit would be about \$10.00.

It cannot be no two opinions as to the baneful nature of this practice, and no effort should be spared to stop it forthwith.

The Ordinance should be made as sweeping as possible. A saving clause in favour of practitioners registered under Ordinance No. 6 of 1884 would, I presume, be necessary. Native practitioners holding diplomas granted by the College of Medicine for Chinese should not be exempted from the operation of the Bill. Having regard to the profitable character of the business, as set forth in paragraph 10, the temptation to take up the practice of injecting Morphine would be great indeed.

At the same time something should, I think, be done to relieve the sufferings of those now having injections if the practice is made illegal. These men will be in a terrible state when the injections are discontinued.

Would it not be possible to supply from this Department some powerful stimulant and tonic, such as Cinchona and Aromatic Spirit of Ammonia, to all victims of the injection habit on application?

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